

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

41. (Amended) A batch method for removing lipids from a volume of animal or human plasma, serum, or other suitable blood fraction comprising:

providing the volume of animal or human plasma, serum, or other suitable blood fraction;

admixing the plasma, serum, or other suitable blood fraction with an extraction solvent selected from hydrocarbons, ethers, alcohols, esters, amines, or mixtures thereof which extracts the lipids from the plasma, serum, or other suitable blood fraction to form a delipidated fraction;

introducing an absorbent to the delipidated fraction to substantially remove the solvent from the plasma, serum, or other suitable blood fraction; and

separating the absorbent from the delipidated fraction to form a delipidated fraction.